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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY: [redacted] (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC: Puetnitz Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT: late August to 6 September 1951

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DATE PREPARED: 4 October 1951

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1. [redacted] in late August 1951, that construction work at Puetnitz airfield was nearing completion. [redacted] the runway extends in E-W direction and is about 80 x 2,400 meters. * Five buildings in Dangarten had to be torn down and a large wooded area had to be cleared for the runway extension. About 500 construction workers were employed at the field. In late August, an advance detail of Soviet soldiers arrived and were quartered in dwellings evacuated by civilians. No air unit had arrived.

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2. On 6 September, the concrete runway at the field was almost completed. A steam shovel, used for the construction of a fuel dump, was in operation on the eastern edge of the field. Earth was dumped on the northeastern edge. Many dump trucks were used. The runway was about 80 x 2,500 meters. No boundary lighting facilities were available. The barracks buildings in the northern section of the field seemed to be intact and occupied. Fifteen Soviet sentries were observed around the field. No aircraft were seen.

* [redacted] Comment. The information on the direction of the runway is probably very vague. It is believed that the runway extends about WSW-ENE. The exact length of the runway has not been determined. [redacted] previously reported that it was 2,600 meters long. [redacted]

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